No. 28 by Representative Gutknecht for 20 minutes; amendment by Representative Deutsch, regarding COPS, for 10 minutes; amendment by Representative Ensign, regarding sexually explicit material in prisons, for 10 minutes; amendment No. 5 by Representative Frank for 20 minutes; amendment No. 6 by Representative Frank for 20 minutes, amendment No. 16 by Representative Ganske for 20 minutes; amendment No. 17 by Representative Gekas for 20 minutes; amendment No. 33 by Representative Norton for 20 minutes; amendment by Representative Fowler, regarding COPS, for 10 minutes; amendment by Representative Collins of Georgia, regarding Federal Prison Industries, for 15 minutes; amendment by Representative Hutchinson, regarding deaths in prisons, for 10 minutes; and amendment by Representative Miller of Florida for 10 minutes.

Presidential Message—National Emergency Re Iraq: Read a message from the President wherein he transmits his report concerning the national emergency with respect to Iraq—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 104–250).

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National Commission on the Advancement of Federal Law Enforcement: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Ms. Victoria Toensig of Washington, D.C., from private life, to the National Commission on the Advancement of Federal Law Enforcement on the part of the House.

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Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H8248–49.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and six recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H8147–48, H8148, H8172–73, H8189, H8191–92, H8216, H8216–17, and H8217–18. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 11:23 p.m.

Committee Meetings conduct of monetary policy

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy held a hearing on the Conduct of Monetary Policy (Humphrey-Hawkins). Testimony was heard from Alan Greenspan, Chairman, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology approved for full Committee action the Electronic Reporting and Streamlining Act

The Subcommittee also began markup of H.R. 1907, Federal-aid Facility Privatization Act of 1995. Subcommittee recessed subject to call.

DRAFT REPORT

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on National Security, International Affairs, and Criminal Justice, approved for full Committee action a draft report entitled: "The Investigation into the Activities of Federal Law Enforcement Agencies Toward the Branch Davidians".

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific approved for full Committee action amended H. Con. Res. 189, expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the importance of the United States membership in regional South Pacific organizations.

U.S. FOREIGN ASSISTANCE IN ASIA

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Asia held a hearing on U.S. foreign assistance in Asia. Testimony was heard from Margaret Carpenter, Assistant Administrator, Asia and the Near East, AID, U.S. International Development Cooperation Agency; and public witnesses.

HUMAN RIGHTS UNDER PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights held a hearing on Human Rights Under the Palestinian Authority. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

PROTECT RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution held a hearing on legislation to further protect religious freedom. Testimony was heard from Representative Istook; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property approved for full Committee action the following: Federal Courts Improvement Act; S. 533, to clarify the rules governing removal of cases to Federal court; and S. 677, to repeal a redundant venue provision.

LAND CONVEYANCES

Committee on Resources: Held a hearing on H.R. 3061, to resolve certain conveyances under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act related to Cape Fox Corporation. Testimony was heard from Gray F. Reynolds, Deputy Chief, National Forest System, USDA; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Lands held an oversight hearing on the Forest Service's implementation of the Administration's Forest Plan. Testimony was heard from Representatives Herger and Riggs; James Lyons, Under Secretary, Natural Resources and Environment, USDA; Nancy Hayes, Chief of Staff and Counselor to the Acting Director, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

EFFECTS OF A SIX-YEAR BUDGET ON CIVILIAN R&D

Committee on Science: Held a hearing on the Effects of a Six-Year Balanced Budget on Civilian Research and Development. Testimony was heard from James L. Blum, Deputy Director, CBO; and a public witness.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

ANTARCTIC RESEARCH

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Basic Research held a hearing on the Future of Antarctic Research. Testimony was heard from Ernest Moniz, Assistant Director, Science, Office of Science and Technology Policy; Cornelius Sullivan, Director, Office of Polar Programs, NSF; R. Tucker Scully, Director, Office of Ocean Affairs, Department of State; Robin Pirie, Assistant Secretary, Navy, Infrastructure and the Environment, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Committee on Standards of Official Conduct: Met in executive session to consider pending business.

MEDICARE PAYMENT POLICIES

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on Issues Related to Medicare Payment Policies for Home Health Agency and Skilled Nursing Facility Services. Testimony was heard from Bruce C. Vladeck, Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; from the following officials of the Prospective Payment Assessment Commission: Joseph P. Newhouse, Chairman; and Don Young, M.D., Executive Director; and public witnesses.

GUATEMALA

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a hearing on Guatemala. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see Daily Digest p. D784)

H.R. 3121, to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 and the Arms Control Act to make improvements to certain defense and security assistance provisions under those Acts, and to authorize the transfer of naval vessels to certain foreign countries. Signed July 21, 1996. (P.L. 104–164)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JULY 24, 1996

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, business meeting, to mark up S. 1166, to enhance public confidence in the safety of the American food supply, and facilitate the development and adoption of safe, effective pest control technologies, 9:30 a.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Regulatory Relief, to hold hearings to examine the condition of consumer credit, focusing on the risks of deteriorating credit quality on financial institutions and the economy, 10 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space, to hold oversight hearings on the National Aeronautics and Space Admistration's (NASA) space station and space shuttle programs, 9:30 a.m., SR–253.

Committee on Environment and Public Works, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business; to be followed by a hearing on the nominations of Nils J. Diaz, of Florida, and Edward McGaffigan, Jr., of Virginia, each to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, 9:30 a.m., SD–406.

Committee on Foreign Relations, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs, Subcommittee on Financial Management and Accountability, to hold hearings on S. 1434, to amend the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to provide for a two-year (biennial) budgeting cycle, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Full Committee, to continue hearings on the nomination of Franklin D. Raines, of the District of Columbia, to be Director of the Office of Management and Budget, 4 p.m., SD–342.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Constitution, Federalism, and Property Rights, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, 2 p.m., SD–226.